



Office of the Governor  
State of Missouri

## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, citizens, schools, libraries, businesses and other organizations use the Internet for a variety of tasks, including keeping in contact with family and friends, managing personal finances, performing research, enhancing education and conducting business; and

**WHEREAS**, all sectors are increasingly reliant on critical information systems to support financial services, energy, telecommunications, transportation, utilities, health care and emergency response systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Internet users and our information infrastructure face an increasing threat of malicious cyber attack, loss of privacy from spyware and adware and significant financial and personal privacy losses due to identity theft and fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Missouri Information Security Management Office was established to enhance cyber security, and Information Technology provides a comprehensive approach to help enhance the security of this State; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining the security of cyberspace is a shared responsibility in which each of us has a critical role, and awareness of computer security essentials will improve the security of Missouri's information infrastructure and economy; and


**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Multi-State Information Sharing and Analysis Center, the National Cyber Security Alliance and the National Association of State Chief Information Officers have declared October as National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and all citizens are encouraged to visit the State of Missouri's cyber security Web site, which is accessible through the MO.gov portal, to learn about cyber security and how to put that knowledge into practice in their homes, schools, workplaces and businesses.

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI, do hereby proclaim the month of October 2009 to be

### CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS MONTH IN MISSOURI

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Missouri, in the City of Jefferson, this 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009.



  
Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon  
Governor

Attest:

  
Secretary of State